

Friday, October 24, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the Conference report on H.R. 2107, Department of the Interior and related agencies Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11173–S11213

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1313–1320, S.J. Res. 37, and S. Res. 140. **Pages S11191–92**

Measures Passed:

David B. Champagne Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 2013, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 551 Kingstown Road in South Kingstown, Rhode Island, as the “David B. Champagne Post Office Building”, clearing the bill for the President. **Page S11213**

ISTEA Authorization: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with a modified committee amendment (the modification being a substitute for the text of the bill), taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S11173–74, S11187**

Pending:

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1312, to provide for a continuing designation of a metropolitan planning organization. **Page S11174**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1313 (to language proposed to be stricken by the committee amendment, as modified), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11174**

Chafee/Warner Amendment No. 1314 (to Amendment No. 1313), of a perfecting nature. **Page S11174**

Motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions. **Page S11174**

Lott Amendment No. 1317 (to instructions of the motion to recommit), to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs. **Page S11174**

Lott Amendment No. 1318 (to Amendment No. 1317), to strike the limitation on obligations for administrative expenses. **Page S11174**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 43 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 278), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the modified committee amendment. **Pages S11173–74**

A fourth motion was entered to close further debate on the modified committee amendment and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, October 28, 1997. **Page S11187**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

William R. Ferris, of Mississippi, to be Chairperson of the National Endowment for the Humanities for a term of four years.

Curt Hebert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1999.

L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

6 Air Force Generals.

23 Army Generals.

1 Navy Admiral. **Page S11213**

Nomination Withdrawn: Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nomination:

Curt Herbert, Jr., of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Page S11213**

Messages From the House: **Page S11191**

Measures Read First Time: **Page S11191**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S11192–S11205**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S11205–06**

Amendments Submitted: Pages S11206–10

Additional Statements: Pages S11210–12

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
(Total–278) Pages S11173–74

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:45 a.m., and adjourned at 2:08 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, October 27, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11213.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NATIONAL EXPORT STRATEGY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to review the fifth annual report of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC) on the status of our national export strategy and the steps taken by TPCC agencies to implement the U.S. trade promotion agenda, after receiving testimony from William M. Daley, Secretary of Commerce; and James A. Harmon, President, Export-Import Bank of the United States.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Carolyn Curiel, of Indiana, to be Ambassador to Belize, Victor Marrero, of New York, to be the Permanent Representative of the United States to the Organization of American

States, with the rank of Ambassador, Christopher C. Ashby, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Timothy Michael Carney, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Haiti, and Stanley Louis McLelland, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Jamaica, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAX COMPENSATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee held hearings on H.R. 1953, to clarify State authority to tax compensation paid to certain employees and to provide that the income of certain employees at three specific Federal facilities located astride State boundaries is to be taxed by the State of which the employee is a resident, receiving testimony from Senator Gregg; Representative Bryant; Maine Attorney General Andrew Ketterer, Augusta; New Hampshire Attorney General Philip T. McLaughlin, Concord; William M. Remington, Delaware State Division of Revenue, Dover, on behalf of the Federation of Tax Administrators; James Charles Smith, University of Georgia, Athens; George W. Kaelin, on behalf of the concerned Citizens of Tennessee, Edwin M. Wilson, and Dorothy J. Smith, all of Clarksville, Tennessee; Gary W. York, Gavins Point Dam, Yankton, South Dakota; and Roger Hays, on behalf of the United Power Trades Organization, Kennewick, Washington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.